



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500  
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>  
TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 13-798

Released: April 19, 2013

## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU REMINDS RADIOTELEGRAPH OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ABOUT UPCOMING CHANGES TO THEIR LICENSE CLASS AND TERM

In the *Report and Order* in WT Docket No. 10-177, the Commission amended the rules concerning radiotelegraph operator licenses, effective May 20, 2013. The Commission consolidated First Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificates (T1) and Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificates (T2) into a new license class, the Radiotelegraph Operator License (T).<sup>1</sup> This change takes effect with respect to existing licenses upon renewal – that is, T1s and T2s renewed on or after May 20, 2013 will be renewed as Ts, but existing T1s and T2s will retain their current license class for the duration of the current license term. The Commission also consolidated Third Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificates (T3) with Marine Radio Operator Permits (MP) – T3s renewed on or after May 20, 2013 will be renewed as MPs, but existing T3s will retain their current license class for the duration of the current license term.<sup>2</sup> Also, no applications for new T1s, T2s, or T3s will be accepted as of May 20, 2013.<sup>3</sup>

In addition, the Commission extended the license term of radiotelegraph operator licenses to the lifetime of the holder.<sup>4</sup> For existing licenses, this change also takes effect upon renewal. T1, T2, and T3 holders must renew their licenses as set forth above in order to obtain lifetime status.

For technical assistance in renewing a license, please contact the ULS Technical Support Hotline at (877) 480-3201, option 2, (717) 338-2888, or (717) 338-2824 (TTY). The ULS Technical Support Hotline is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET. There are no weekend hours, and the hotline is closed on all Federal holidays. To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.

-FCC-

<sup>1</sup> See Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Commercial Radio Operators, *Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 10-177, 28 FCC Rcd 532, 535 ¶ 7 (2013) (*Report and Order*); see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 13.7. 13.13.

<sup>2</sup> See *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 535 ¶ 8; see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 13.7. 13.13. T3 holders who are renewed as MPs will retain element credit for Telegraphy Elements 1 and 2, and will be able to upgrade to T by passing written Element 6. See *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 535 ¶ 8.

<sup>3</sup> See *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 535 ¶ 8; see also 47 C.F.R. § 13.7.

<sup>4</sup> See *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd at 535-36 ¶ 9; see also 47 C.F.R. § 13.15.